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1. On 6 August 1953, the Minister Council passed a resolution on an improved education program to include the establishment of special universities and academies by all ministries. In line with this program, the Ministry for Mining and Smelting was requested to increase the number of students at the Freiberg Mining Academy to 2,000 by 1954. The Ministry for Mining and Smelting, in accordance with the resolution of the Minister Council, submitted a request to the State Planning Commission that the 1954 budget of 3 million DM originally allotted to the Freiberg Mining Academy be increased to 23 million DM. New buildings of the Freiberg Mining Academy to be completed in 1954 included an institute for metallurgy, etc. for coal mining and the construction of an institute for metallurgy including a large lecture hall (auditorium maximum), the administration building and the students' mess hall.

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2. The Ministry for Mining and Smelting was ordered to begin immediately the construction of an Academy for Metallurgy in Stalin-Stadt with the first construction stage to be completed in 1954 and to include institutes for chemistry and physics, the mess hall, the administration building and the lecture rooms. This academy was planned for 1,500 students. It was anticipated that the 1954 budget of 3 million DM would have to be increased to 15 million DM. The lectures were planned to start in 1955. The EKS, previously EKO, was in charge of the construction work. After 7 January 1954, an accountant would probably be assigned to the project.

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Comment. These measures propose the conversion of the East German universities into special academies in an effort to coordinate the East German education program with the Soviet system.

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